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SYNOPSIS

Requires counties to appoint shared services coordinators; appropriates \$2 million to fund these appointments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring the appointment of county shared services
2 coordinators, supplementing P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1 et seq.),
3 and making an appropriation.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. The governing body of a county shall appoint a county
9 shared services coordinator. The requirement that every county
10 shall have a county shared services coordinator may be fulfilled by
11 the sharing of a county shared services coordinator with another
12 county or counties under a shared service agreement entered into
13 pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1 et seq.).

14 b. A county shared services coordinator shall be responsible for
15 promoting and facilitating shared service agreements between local
16 units in the county or counties, as the case may be, including the
17 county or counties themselves. Additional duties of the coordinator
18 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

19 (1) gather and make available resources on the formation and
20 implementation of shared service agreements;

21 (2) identify and compile information on existing shared service
22 agreements operative within the county or counties;

23 (3) identify and make recommendations on opportunities for
24 cost savings through new shared service agreements within the
25 county or counties;

26 (4) provide assistance to local units within the county or
27 counties with the formation and implementation of shared services
28 agreements;

29 (5) serve as a liaison between local unit officials within the
30 county or counties and the division and other State officials who
31 can provide specialized technical advice;

32 (6) compile the contact information of current and former local
33 unit officials within the county or counties who volunteer to be a
34 resource to other local units within the county or counties forming
35 or implementing shared service agreements; and

36 (7) provide quarterly reports to the director on the coordinator's
37 initiatives and projects, and progress made toward any goals
38 established by the director, in the previous quarter.

39 c. A county shared services coordinator shall successfully
40 complete any training course on shared services established by the
41 division within six months of the course's availability.

42 d. The division shall provide technical advice and resources to a
43 county shared services coordinator on forming and implementing
44 shared service agreements. Any other State official shall cooperate
45 with a request by a county shared services coordinator for
46 specialized technical advice, including, but not limited to, officials
47 of the Civil Service Commission and the Public Employment
48 Relations Commission.

1 e. (1) There is established in the division a special nonlapsing
2 fund to be known as the “County Shared Services Coordinator
3 Fund.” The director shall administer the fund to provide, upon
4 application of a county or counties that have appointed a county
5 shared services coordinator, a grant offsetting the cost of the total
6 compensation of the county shared services coordinator, up to a
7 maximum of \$95,000 per year per coordinator.

8 (2) The director may condition the award of a subsequent grant
9 pursuant to this subsection based on compliance with the quarterly
10 reporting requirements of paragraph (7) of subsection b. of this
11 section and whether satisfactory progress has been made toward any
12 goals established by the director.

13 (3) Any county or counties may elect to provide additional
14 compensation to a county shared services coordinator.
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16 2. There is appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund to
17 the “County Shared Services Coordinator Fund” in the Division of
18 Local Government Services in the Department of Community
19 Affairs \$2 million for the purpose of funding State grants pursuant
20 to subsection e. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
21 before the Legislature as this bill).
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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill would require each county to appoint a county shared
29 services coordinator. A county shared services coordinator would
30 be responsible for promoting and facilitating shared service
31 agreements between local governments in the coordinator’s county,
32 including the county itself. Providing a point-person at the local
33 level to encourage and facilitate more shared services between local
34 governments would ultimately help drive down the cost of local
35 government to property taxpayers.

36 Under the bill, a county could fulfill the requirement of having a
37 county shared services coordinator by entering into a shared service
38 agreement with another county or counties to share a county shared
39 services coordinator.

40 The bill requires each county shared services coordinator to
41 complete any training course on shared services established by the
42 division within six months of the course’s availability.

43 The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) in the
44 Department of Community Affairs would serve as a resource to
45 support the work of a county shared services coordinator. Other
46 State officials would be required to cooperate with a request by a
47 county shared services coordinator for specialized technical advice.

1 The bill provides State grants to cover the total compensation
2 costs of the county shared services coordinators, up to a maximum
3 of \$95,000 per year per coordinator. The director of DLGS may
4 condition the award of future grants on compliance with reporting
5 requirements and whether satisfactory progress has been made
6 toward any goals established by the director. The bill makes an
7 appropriation of \$2 million to fund these grants.